

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Derek D. Dieter for his 39 years of exemplary service on the South Bend Police Department.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Derek D. Dieter for
2 his 39 years of exemplary service on the South Bend Police
3 Department.

4 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter graduated from St. Joseph High*
5 *School and received an Associate of Science degree in Criminal*
6 *Justice at Indiana University South Bend before entering the*
7 *Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in the Fall of 1977;*

8 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter was officially sworn in as a*
9 *member of the South Bend Police Department on January 10,*
10 *1978, and was assigned PIN # 323;*

11 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter retired with distinction and valor*
12 *as a sworn police officer on February 8, 2014;*

13 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter made thousands of arrests,*
14 *vehicle stops, participated in dozens of chases, foot pursuits,*
15 *and was involved in five shootouts during his tenure on the*
16 *South Bend police force;*

17 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter received several accolades and*
18 *awards, including 165 letters of commendation for outstanding*

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1 *and heroic police work, 30 letters of citizen recognition, 7*
2 *letters of Congressional recognition, 3 letters of Mayoral*
3 *recognition, and 2 letters of recognition from the St. Joseph*
4 *County Prosecutor, and other high honors;*

5 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter served 20 years on the South*
6 *Bend Police Department SWAT Team, including 10 years as a*
7 *Team Leader. He participated in over 350 SWAT calls, many*
8 *involving high-risk rescues and gun battles, and apprehensions*
9 *of violent suspects. He also trained hundreds of area officers*
10 *for 20 years in SWAT Survival School;*

11 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter became the "face of the*
12 *community policing" for his work with at-risk and*
13 *disadvantaged youth. He founded the Implementing Maturity*
14 *Positively Athleticism Leadership & Attitude (IMPALA)*
15 *Program at the South Bend Housing Authority, where he won*
16 *several state and federal awards;*

17 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter created a book program to*
18 *promote positive relationships with police, promote literacy*
19 *and give youth responsibility, which he will continue in*
20 *retirement;*

21 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter taught youth to "take ownership,*
22 *responsibility and pride" through learning discipline, life skills,*
23 *confidence and manners; and*

24 *Whereas, Derek D. Dieter is known for being a coach,*
25 *mentor, and friend who encourages young people to lead*
26 *positive and productive lives: Therefore,*

27 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
28 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

29 SECTION 1. The Senate of the General Assembly honors
30 Derek D. Dieter for his 39 years of exemplary service on the South
31 Bend Police Department.

